



The City of Woodinville PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2020 Governor Inslee issued a statewide order to “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” calling on all Washingtonians to avoid leaving their homes for any non-essential activities and adhere to social distancing requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** the most recent Point In Time Count found 56 people in our community sleeping outdoors without shelter in January of this year, and 420 families are considered “housing insecure,” because they were spending more than half of their income on rent & utilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Inslee has extended a residential eviction moratorium through December 31, 2020 to prevent families and individuals from losing their housing due to non-payment; and
- WHEREAS,** housing stability and staying socially distant from those outside of our household has become our state’s core public health strategy; and
- WHEREAS,** everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness had remained at crisis levels; and
- WHEREAS,** united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week to elevate the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Woodinville is committed to helping to ensure that our community recovers from the crisis at hand, and that all people in Woodinville live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Elaine Cook, Mayor of the City of Woodinville, Washington, on behalf of the Woodinville City Council, do hereby proclaim October 12-16, 2020 as,

Affordable Housing Week

in the CITY OF WOODINVILLE and urge that all citizens and community organizations join in this observance.

Signed this 9th day of October 2020.

Mayor Elaine Cook